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[57] ABSTRACT

An electrical connector (1) comprising, an insulative housing (2), conductive contacts (4, 5) within an interior of the housing (2), insulative wiping surfaces (61) on a mating end (12) of the housing (2), and conductive surface areas (60) on the contacts (4, 5) being rearward of the wiping surfaces (61) and offset laterally of the wiping surfaces (61) to engage unwiped surface areas of mating contacts (4, 5) of another, mating connector (1).

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